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Food Biotechnology Subcommittee of the Food Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: Food Biotechnology Subcommittee of the Food Advisory Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide advice and recommendations to the agency on FDA's regulatory issues.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on September 24, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Location: JW Marriott Hotel, 1331 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC, 202–314–4714.

Contact Person: Michael Watson, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-255), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740, 202-418-3122, or FDA Advisory Committee Information Line, 1-800-741-8138 301-443-0572 in the Washington, DC area), code 10564. Please call the Information Line for up-to-date information on this meeting.

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Agenda: The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the science-based approaches to the molecular characterization of bioengineered foods as part of FDA's safety assessment.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person by September 10, 2003. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those desiring to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person before September 10, 2003, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

Persons attending FDA's advisory committee meetings are advised that the agency is not responsible for providing access to electrical outlets.

FDA welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Michael Watson at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

Dated: 8/28/03

Peter V. Pitts,

Associate Commissioner for External Affairs.

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